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DECISION ON PETITION TO  
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING  
OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the "REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT" filed March 11, 2004 and refiled, via facsimile transmission, on November 5, 2004. It is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181. There is no fee for this petition.

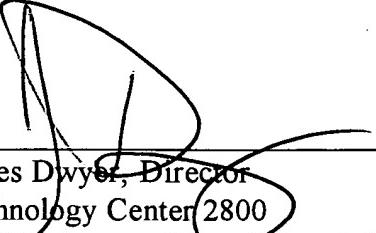
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 27, 2004 holding the application to be abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Office action mailed on September 16, 2002. However, it is apparent that there was no abandonment in fact. A review of the application file reveals that a timely response to the Office action was filed on November 4, 2002.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed February 27, 2004 is **VACATED** and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The application is being forwarded to the technical support staff for processing of the response filed November 4, 2002. The application will then be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the response. Any inconvenience due to the inadvertent abandonment of the application is greatly regretted.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Edward Westin at (571) 272-1638.

  
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